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WESTMINSTER LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

THIS CHARITY was instituted in the year 1765, as an Asylum for the Wives of poor industrious Tradesmen and distressed Housekeepers, who either from unavoidable misfortunes, or from the burthen of large families are reduced to want, and rendered incapable of bearing the expenses incident to the state of Childbirth; as also for the Wives of indigent Soldiers and Seamen, and who at this moment, on the termination of a protracted war, have a more particular and forcible claim on the benevolence of such an Institution.

The delivery of Married Women at their own houses forms, it is hoped, no unimportant part of this Establishment; to whom approved Midwives in all parts of the metropolis and its environs are assigned, and on any emergency recourse is immediately had to the assistance of the highly respectable Medical Officers of the Hospital.

The benefits of this Charity are not withheld from those Unmarried Women, who, on diligent inquiry, shall appear to the Committee to be objects of real commiseration: Such indulgence, however, is strictly confined to the first instance of misconduct.

In order to render this Charity still more effectual, one of the Physicians in attendance at the Hospital, every Thursday, at twelve o'clock, to prescribe for poor Women during their pregnancy, or for their Infants, provided their cases, on examination, are found to come

within the Rules of the Institution, and Vaccination is administered by the Surgeon when the objection of the Parents does not interfere to prevent it.

The Hospital is calculated to contain fifty Patients and the Unmarried Women are placed in a Ward by themselves.

It is with sensations of great concern that the Committee feel it incumbent on them to state to the well-wishers of this Establishment, that the Funds are so inadequate to the support of the number of Patients which the Hospital is capable of receiving, that one of the wings is at present unoccupied; but it is hoped that such means will, through their kind benevolence, be adopted as may give full effect to a Charity so desirable; the management of which, it is trusted, will bear the strictest examination, and reflect every well-earned commendation, both on those who have to discharge official duties, and on those who, from motives of philanthropy, take an active part in attending to the interests and administration of this Asylum.

It is earnestly requested that Ladies, whether Subscribers or not, whose benevolence may lead them to feel an interest in this Institution, would kindly visit the Hospital, where the Matron will at all times be ready to attend them.

Materials for child-bed linen, or other useful articles, will be very thankfully received; which will be made up in the Hospital under the directions of the Matron, and lent out to the poor married women.

Boxes of Linen belonging to Members of the Committee are under the care of the Matron at the Hospital, for the purpose of being lent to poor Patients bringing proper testimonials.

☞ The Committee meet at the Hospital every Monday, at Eleven o'clock precisely.

Subscriptions and Benefactions are received by the Treasurer, at his residence, No. 11, Montague Place, Bedford Square; by Messrs. Drummonds' and Messrs. Cocks, and Co. Bankers, Charing Cross; by Mr. John Charles Williams, Solicitor, No. 5, Dyer's Buildings, Holborn, Secretary to the Hospital; Mr. J. J. Orlton, No. 98, Great Surrey Street, Collector; and at the Hospital, where printed Accounts of the Nature of the Institution and Privileges of the Governors and Subscribers may be had.

The Form of a Letter to recommend Patients.

To the Governors of the Westminster General Lying-in Hospital.

Gentlemen,

I recommend _____ of the parish of _____
 (now in her last month of pregnancy)
 as an _____ patient of this Hospital, if she appears to you
 an object worthy of charity.

Your humble Servant,

day of _____

LAWS, RULES & ORDERS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE

Westminster

LYING-IN HOSPITAL,

Revised and approved at a Quarterly General Meeting of the Governors, held 21st October, 1817, and read and confirmed at the subsequent General Meeting, held on Tuesday, 20th January, 1818.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE HOSPITAL.

OFFICERS, &c. &c.

This Charity is under the direction and management of A President, whose office is for life.

Six or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Committee, and Auditors, chosen annually at a Quarterly General Court held in January.

A Chaplain, a Consulting Physician, two Physician-Accoucheurs, one Surgeon, one Apothecary, a Secretary, and a Matron, elected by the Governors at a Quarterly or Special General Meeting.

Midwives for delivering Patients at their own Habitations, and Nurses and inferior Servants—these may be appointed and discharged by a Weekly Board of Governors, as the occasions of the Hospital may require.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PRIVILEGES OF GOVERNORS & SUBSCRIBERS.

I. An annual subscription of three guineas, constitutes a Governor, entitled to recommend yearly three in-patients, three to be delivered at their own habitations, and any number for advice; and to a vote at elections,

and in all matters relating to the government and management of the Hospital.

II. An annual subscription of five guineas, entitles the Governor or Governess to recommend yearly five in-patients, five to be delivered at their own habitations, and any number for advice ; and to a vote at elections, and in all matters relating to the government and management of the Hospital.

III. A subscription of thirty guineas, at one payment, constitutes the subscriber a Governor or Governess for life, entitled to recommend yearly, three in-patients, three to be delivered at their own habitations, and any number for advice ; and to a vote at elections, and in all matters relating to the government of the Hospital.

IV. The privilege of recommending patients is extended in proportion to the subscription.

V. A Subscriber of two guineas annually is entitled to recommend yearly one in-patient, one to be delivered at her own habitation, and one for advice, but has no vote at elections, or in the management of the Hospital.

VI. A Subscriber of one guinea annually may recommend yearly six out-patients, to be delivered at their own habitations, and any number for advice.

VII. A subscription of twenty guineas, at one time, entitles the Subscriber, during life, to the same privileges as an annual contribution of two guineas.

VIII. A subscription of ten guineas, entitles the Subscriber to the same privileges, during life, as an annual contribution of one guinea.

IX. No Governor or Subscriber can have more than one patient in the Hospital, or on the books for admission, at one time.

X. No Annual Governor or Subscriber can be entitled to recommend patients, or vote at any meeting, unless his or her subscription for the current year be paid within three months after the quarterly day on which it became due.

XI. No Governor can be entitled to vote on any question in which he is personally concerned; nor can persons who serve the Hospital with any article, (medicine excepted) sit or vote at any Weekly Board, or General Court.

XII. New Governors shall have the power of recommending patients, and every other privilege, from the time of their becoming Subscribers, except that of voting on any question relative to the election of Officers, which they cannot be entitled to do until their subscription shall have been paid at least six calendar months. (Subscribers of thirty guineas or more at one time excepted.)

XIII. Ladies may vote by proxy, but no proxy can be received at any election unless such proxy be signed by the lady who gives it, and unless the name of the Governor who is to deliver it, and the name of the Candidate in whose favour it be given, be specified in the hand writing of the lady who gives the proxy.

HONORARY GOVERNORS.

Persons who have rendered essential service to the Charity, may be proposed at any Weekly Board, at least one month before a General Meeting, as an Honorary Governor for Life, and if his election be confirmed at the General Meeting, such Honorary Governor shall have the same privileges as a benefactor of thirty guineas.

BENEFACTORS.

The names of such governors or benefactors as shall have subscribed or bequeathed a sum of thirty pounds or upwards, at one time, shall be inscribed in the Tablets placed in the Board Room; and the sums so subscribed shall be laid out in the purchase of such Government Securities, and in the names of such Trustees, as the Governors at a Quarterly General Meeting shall direct; of which Trustees the Treasurer for the time being shall be one; and the dividends and interest thereof, together with all donations under thirty pounds, shall be applied towards the annual current expenses of the Charity: but the Governors at a *Special* General Meeting shall have power on any emergent occasion, to direct the application of any part of the capital to the necessary expenditure of the Hospital.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

A Quarterly General Meeting shall be held at the Hospital on the third Tuesday in January, April, July, and October; public notice of which meetings shall

be given in one or more of the newspapers; and the Secretary shall also send a letter or summons to each Governor, at least five days before every such Meeting.

Special General Meetings may be held by appointment of the Quarterly General Meetings, or the Weekly Board, or on the requisition of the Treasurer, or any five of the Governors, signified to the Weekly Board, in writing, under his or their hands, expressing the purpose of assembling the same; the time of holding of which Meeting shall be advertised, and notice thereof, and of the business to be then transacted, shall be sent to each Governor or Subscriber, at least five days before such Meeting.

No other business shall be proceeded on at any Special Meeting than that which shall be expressed in such notice.

The hour of every Quarterly or Special General Meeting shall be twelve o'clock at noon precisely, and no business shall be transacted unless five Governors at the least be present.

The Governors attending at any General Meeting shall choose a chairman for the day, in case the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer be absent, or shall decline taking the chair.

All questions shall be determined by holding up of hands, or by a ballot, if required by three Governors; and if the numbers be equal the chairman shall have the casting vote, in addition to his vote or ballot as a Governor.

At every Quarterly Meeting the minutes of the last preceding Quarterly Meeting, and of all Special General Meetings and Weekly Boards, subsequent thereto, shall be read, and their several Resolutions shall be confirmed, altered, or rescinded, before any other business be proceeded upon.

The Quarterly General Meeting to be held in January shall elect the Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Committee, and Auditors; to all of whom notice of their appointment shall be forthwith sent by letter from the Secretary.

No Quarterly General Meeting shall be adjourned until the chairman shall have put the question whether any Governor has any thing to propose for the good of the Charity.

As soon as the business of any General Meeting shall be finished, the rough minutes of the proceedings shall be read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman.

WEEKLY BOARD.

A Weekly Board, consisting of any number of the Committee to be annually appointed in January, and of such other Governors as may please to attend, shall be held at the Hospital every Monday, at eleven o'clock precisely.

The business of the Weekly Board shall be to admit and discharge all patients; to examine all bills for provisions or other necessaries delivered for the use of the

Hospital; to order payment of such bills as are approved; to receive from the Treasurer, at proper times, his accounts and vouchers, and refer the same to be examined by the Auditors previous to every Quarterly General Meeting; to appoint from time to time Midwives for delivering patients at their own habitations, and also Nurses and other inferior Servants, and discharge them as often as there shall be occasion; and give such instructions and orders as they shall think necessary for the direction of the affairs of the Hospital, so far as may be consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Charity.

No letter of recommendation shall be received after eleven o'clock.

As soon as the chair is taken, a list both of the in and out-patients, who are to be discharged, shall be delivered to the Chairman. The Matron shall then be called in and asked how the former have behaved during their stay in the Hospital. The women shall then be called in, and questioned by the Chairman respectively, how they have been treated in the House, or at their habitations, and whether any gratuity or reward has been demanded or taken of them. If any complaint be made, the subject shall be inquired into by the Board, before the patient be discharged; and if any patient has behaved ill, her name shall be entered in a book, and she shall be excluded from receiving the future benefit of the Hospital, without the clearest conviction of her repentance and reformation; but if there be no complaint, a letter or card of thanks shall be sent to the Governor

by whom she was recommended ; and a paper shall be given her to be delivered to the Minister the first time she goes to church, to return thanks to God for her safe delivery.

The business of admitting and discharging patients being ended, the Board shall proceed to inspect the provisions, and examine all bills delivered into the house in the course of the preceding week ; to require from the Matron an account of such things as may be wanted in the course of the following week, and to order such as they shall approve ; to examine the Auditor's report on the Treasurer's accounts previous to each Quarterly Meeting ; to attend to all business recommended to them by the General Meeting ; and to receive and discuss such propositions as may be made by any Governor present ; the Chairman always putting the question before adjourning the Board, whether any Governor has any thing to propose for the good of the Charity.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Weekly Board shall be taken by the Secretary, and read as soon as the business is finished, and shall then be signed by the Chairman.

N. B.—No draft shall be paid by any Banker unless signed by three Governors at the Board.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions, benefactions, and legacies, and other sums of money that may be paid on account of this Charity ; and shall lay

out all sums that may be directed by the Quarterly General Meetings, in the purchase of such government securities, and in the names of such Trustees as they shall think proper, of whom the Treasurer is always to be one—the receipts for subscriptions, &c. to be signed by the Treasurer and one Governor at the Board.

There shall be two different locks and keys of the poor's box, one of which shall be in the custody of the Treasurer, and the other of the Secretary; and the money shall be taken out on the Weekly Board Day next before each Quarterly General Meeting, in the presence of one of the Committee, and be carried to the Treasurer's general account of receipts.

AUDITORS.

The Auditors, to be nominated at the Quarterly General Meeting in January, shall receive from the Weekly Board, on the board day next but one before every Quarterly General Meeting, a state of the accounts unaudited, together with the vouchers; and shall examine the same, and make their report thereon at the next board day, in order to be laid before such General Meeting.

CHAPLAIN.

The Chaplain shall baptize the children born in the Hospital, and keep a register of their births and baptisms, and of the names of their parents, and perform the office of churching the women.

No child shall be removed out of the Hospital before it has been baptized and registered.

PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, & APOTHECARY.

THE Consulting Physician of this Hospital must be a Member of the Royal College of Physicians in London.

Every Physician-Accoucheur of this Hospital must have resided two years in one of the Universities of the united Kingdom, prior to the time of taking the degree of Doctor in Physic.

One of the Physician-Accoucheurs shall attend at the Hospital every Weekly Board Day, by half-past eleven o'clock.

One of the said Physicians shall also attend every Thursday, at twelve o'clock, to give advice and medicines to such out-patients as shall then be recommended by Governors or Subscribers, for relief in the several disorders incident to child-bearing and infancy; and also to prescribe for such poor women, or their infants, as may be unable to obtain letters of recommendation, and shall offer themselves as objects in great distress, for advice only.

The Physician-Accoucheurs shall deliver the patients in all difficult cases, upon receiving proper notice for that purpose from the Matron.

In cases of imminent danger, the consulting Physician may be sent for to give his assistance in conjunction with the Physician-Accoucheur.

If any patient, while in the Hospital, shall be afflicted with any disease not resulting from pregnancy, notice shall immediately be sent to the consulting Physician to take charge of such patient.

Any Medical Officer of the Charity may call a Consultation in every case where the safety of his patient requires it.

The Surgeon shall attend every Monday and Thursday, and as often as occasion may require, to give his assistance in such cases as properly come within his province.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall attend all General Meetings, Committees, and Weekly Boards ; and take minutes of their proceedings, and enter the same in proper Books.

He shall send a letter to each annual Subscriber when his or her subscription for the current year is due ; and shall lay before every Quarterly Meeting a list of the subscriptions due the preceding quarterly day.

He shall keep the accounts of the Hospital in a methodical manner, and file all bills, receipts, affidavits, certificates, and other papers, in regular order, at the Hospital, that the same may be inspected at any time by the Governors.

MATRON.

The Matron shall be a single woman, or widow, not under thirty years of age, nor more than forty-five, at the time of her election, well skilled in the practice of midwifery ; she shall constantly reside in the house, and direct the economy of it : she shall attend the delivery

of all patients, and shall not be allowed to practise out of the Hospital, without the special leave of the Weekly Board.

In all cases of difficulty, she shall send for one of the Physician-Accoucheurs, and strictly follow his directions respecting the treatment of the patients.

She shall take care that the nurses and other inferior servants, execute their respective duties, and that the pupils and patients conform to the rules of the Hospital; and in case of their neglect or misbehaviour she shall acquaint the Weekly Board therewith.

She shall lay before the Weekly Board the several tradesmen's bills, for provisions and other necessities delivered for the use of the Hospital; (first having examined the same to see if they correspond with the articles delivered) and shall report any defect in the quantity or quality thereof.

She shall not receive any patient into the Hospital, without an order from the Weekly Board, signed by the Secretary (except in cases of great extremity); and shall mark on each order the day of the patient's admission.

She shall take care that every patient be clean in her person and apparel at the time of her admission, and free from any infectious distemper; and that she be provided with a proper change of linen for herself and child.

She shall keep a book, wherein she shall state when the patients came into the house, and when they are delivered; the attendance of the medical gentlemen, and

other occurrences, and lay the same before the Weekly Board.

She shall keep a book, in which she shall, every week, set down such things as she shall think necessary to be provided for the use of the Hospital in the course of the following week, and shall lay the same before the Board, on every board-day, for their directions thereon.

She shall take care of all goods and furniture, and other things committed to her charge, and deliver an inventory thereof to the Secretary, yearly, at Christmas ; and all additional articles shall from time to time be entered on such list.

She shall take care that the provisions of the house be properly and frugally applied, and that none of them be carried out of the Hospital, wasted, or embezzled.

She shall take care that no spirituous liquors be brought into the house.

She shall read prayers in one of the wards every morning and evening, at which time all the patients who are able shall be required to attend.

She shall take care of the clothes and money of any patient dying in the Hospital, and report the same to the next Weekly Board, to be disposed of as they shall think proper. She shall take care that all the regulations for the internal management of the charity be strictly observed, and shall report to the Weekly Board any breach of them.

PUPILS.

The Physicians shall be permitted the privilege of taking resident pupils (previously qualified by attend-

ing lectures on the theory and practice of midwifery) who may attend this Hospital towards their further improvement, under the following regulations :

No pupil shall at any time be admitted without having attended at least two courses of lectures in midwifery.

Every pupil, before he is admitted, must be examined by the Physicians, and produce a certificate from them of being duly qualified for admission ; which certificate shall be given to the Matron, and be by her delivered to the Secretary and approved by the Weekly Board, before such pupil shall be permitted to go into the wards or attend any patient.

There shall not be more than two pupils, male or female, residing in the Hospital at one time, who shall be engaged for not less than three months, and may board at the Matron's table, paying for their board to the Treasurer, three months in advance, at a Sum per week each, to be settled by the Committee in which shall not be included tea, wine, or porter, and that they both shall not leave the Hospital, at any time, while the Matron is absent from it.

They shall prepare such medicines for the patients as shall be prescribed or ordered by the Physicians.

They shall not be allowed to administer medicines to the out-patients, unless they be prescribed by one of the Physicians.

They shall keep a book of the number of the in-patients, and the time of their being admitted ; and lay, weekly, before the Board, a list of such as the Physicians shall think fit to be discharged.

Not more than one pupil at a time shall on any pre-

tence whatever presume to go into any of the wards of the Hospital without the sanction of the physician ; nor shall any pupil enter the wards except with one of the Physicians, or the Matron, or such person as she shall appoint in her absence ; and if any pupil shall presume to act contrary to this order, or in any manner misbehave, such pupil shall be immediately dismissed from the Hospital, and excluded from any farther privilege of attending the same.

Women desirous of improving themselves in the practice of midwifery, and producing similar certificates, and subject to the same regulations as male pupils, may be admitted to the Hospital.

NURSES & OTHER INFERIOR SERVANTS.

They shall obey such directions as they shall receive from the Physicians or Matron, relative to the care of the patients ; and shall not presume, on any account whatever, to act contrary to such orders, or to direct any medicine or application of their own accord.

They shall behave with tenderness to the patients, with civility to strangers, and with due respect to the Governors of the Charity.

In case any patient shall refuse to comply with the orders of the house, or in any way misbehave herself, the nurse shall immediately acquaint the Matron, who shall report the same to the Weekly Board.

They shall not permit the patients to go out of their Wards without leave from the Matron.

They shall sweep and clean their wards every day,

before seven o'clock in the morning, from the first of March to the first of October, and before nine o'clock from the first of October to the first of March.

In case of the death of any patient, they shall immediately deliver to the Matron, in the presence of one or more of the patients in the wards, the clothes and money of such deceased person.

The nurses shall take care that all the patients be in their respective beds by nine o'clock in the winter and ten in the summer ; and that no candles be burning in their wards after those hours ; but there shall be a lamp in every ward.

The night-nurse shall visit the several wards every hour to know if any of the patients require her assistance.

The nurses or servants shall not be permitted to have visitors to stay with them above an hour at a time, and never to go into the wards ; and no visitor shall be treated with the Hospital provisions, nor any linen be washed in the house but such as belongs to the officers, servants, or patients in the Hospital.

They shall strictly obey all directions which they may receive from the Matron ; they shall not go out of the house without her leave ; and shall take care to return in due time.

They shall not bring, or permit to be brought into the wards, any spirituous liquors.

One of the nurses shall be properly instructed in midwifery, so that she may be qualified to officiate for the Matron in case of sickness or absence ; and that such addition be made to her salary as the Weekly Board may think proper.

A copy of these orders shall be hung up in the most conspicuous part of each ward, that none may plead ignorance thereof.

MIDWIVES.

I. The Matron, and every Midwife of this Hospital, shall, previously to her admission, produce such testimonials as shall be satisfactory to the Physicians, of her having received a proper education, and of her competency to practice.

II. Each Midwife shall attend in their labour such patients as having an order for her attendance signed by the Secretary of the Hospital, shall require her assistance, and shall give notice to the Matron at the Hospital, of any change of residence.

III. In case any Midwife of the Hospital, to whom an order has been directed, should be unable to attend, any other who shall, upon being sent for, give such assistance, shall receive the same remuneration as if the order had been originally addressed to herself.

IV. She shall if possible see the patient for three successive days, and shall not discontinue her occasional attendance for at least ten days after her delivery.

V. In cases of difficulty in delivery, or subsequent illness of the Mother or Child, she shall send a written message to one of the Physician-Accoucheurs of the Hospital.

VI. She shall mark upon the back of the order for her attendance, the name and residence of the patient, the day on which she was delivered, the sex of the

child, (specifying whether living or dead) and also each day of her attendance.

VII. She shall, for each patient whom she attends under an order of the Weekly Committee signed by the Secretary, receive upon application to the Matron, at the Hospital, at the appointed time in each quarter, the sum of five Shillings.

A discretion to be given to the Physician to recommend to the Weekly Board any Midwife for further remuneration who has had extraordinary attendance.

PATIENTS.

No patient shall be admitted without a letter of recommendation from a Governor or Subscriber. All such letters shall be delivered at the Hospital on the day of the Weekly Board, before eleven o'clock, and none shall be received after that hour. But the Weekly Board may admit, without a letter, such patients as they shall think proper objects.

The patients shall receive their admission and discharge, agreeably to the rules before laid down for regulating the business of the Weekly Board.

No patient can be admitted unless she be clean in her person or apparel, and free from any infectious disorder; nor without a proper change of linen for herself and child:

If any patient entered on the list for admission shall not come into the Hospital within three months from the end of her time of reckoning, she shall be struck off the list, and not admitted without a new recommendation.

No allowance shall be made to any patient who shall not come into the Hospital, other than attendance and medicines to such out-patients as shall be recommended to be delivered at their own habitations, or for advice and medicines.

No patient, after her admission, shall go out of the house without leave from the Physicians or Matron; and if any one, having obtained such permission, do presume to lye out of the Hospital, without the approbation of the Weekly Board, she shall be immediately discharged for irregularity.

Those patients who are well and able shall be directed by the Matron to assist the nurses, or do any other business as occasion shall require; and shall also, at proper times, be employed to make and mend linen for the use of the Hospital, or, on refusal, shall be discharged.

Every patient shall suckle her child during her stay in the Hospital, unless otherwise directed by the Physician, on account of her health; and no patient shall be suffered to go out of the Hospital without her child, nor before it has been baptized.

The patients shall breakfast at eight o'clock in the summer, and at nine in winter; and shall dine at one o'clock, and sup at seven in the evening; and their diet shall be according to the directions of the Weekly Board, or the medical gentlemen in respective cases.

Any patient transgressing the rules and orders is liable to be expelled by the Weekly Board, and never to be admitted again on any recommendation whatever.

All patients who think themselves aggrieved by any person in the Hospital are to apply for redress to the Weekly Board.

If any of the patients, or their children, shall die in the Hospital, the Matron shall give immediate notice thereof to their relations or friends, if known; and if they do not take care to have them buried, they shall be buried in the cheapest manner at the expence of the Hospital.

LYING-IN WARDS.

Separate wards shall be appropriated to the reception of such patients as are single women; who shall not be allowed to associate or mix with other patients in the Hospital, except during the time of reading prayers.

Ladies who are Governors and Subscribers to this Hospital may, at any time, visit the lying-in wards; and such visitations will be esteemed a favor done to the Charity.

OUT-PATIENTS.

No out-patient shall be entered in the Hospital books unless she shall present a letter of recommendation, signed by a Governor or Subscriber; and all such letters shall be delivered to the Hospital on the day of the Weekly Board, at eleven o'clock, and none shall be received after that hour.

Patients recommended to be delivered at their habitations shall be attended by a skilful midwife, recommended and approved by the Weekly Board, as near as conveniently may be to each patient's residence; and

shall receive a ticket from the Board, signed by the Secretary ; which shall entitle them when in labour, to send for such midwife ; and in case of necessity one of the Physician-Accoucheurs shall attend on being sent for by the midwife.

All out-patients shall bring bottles or gallipots to receive their medicines.

Out-patients shall receive their discharge agreeably to the rules before laid down for regulating the business of the Weekly Board.

Any out-patient neglecting to attend regularly, or who shall not strictly follow the directions of the Physicians and Matron, shall be struck off the Hospital books, and never again be received as an out-patient, on any recommendation whatever.

VISITORS TO PATIENTS.

No visitor to any of the patients undelivered shall be permitted to be with them in any part of the house, but the hall ; or to stay longer than half an hour ; and neither the husband or any other person belonging to the patient, shall be admitted into any of the wards, on any account, without leave from the Weekly Board, one of the Physicians, or Matron.

No person shall visit any of the patients who are delivered till one week after their delivery ; and no visitor shall then be admitted, without permission from the Weekly Board, Physician, or Matron.

VACANCIES, CANDIDATES, & ELECTIONS.

All elections of Officers at a Quarterly or Special General Meeting shall be determined by holding up of hands, or by ballot, if a ballot be demanded by three Governors, in which case the ballot shall open at twelve o'clock and close at three ; and if there be an equal number of votes for any two or more candidates, including those given by proxy or letter, the Chairman shall have the casting vote, in addition to his vote as a Governor, subject to the regulations before expressed relative to the qualifications of Governors.

On a vacancy happening, the same shall be declared at the first Weekly Board after it has taken place ; and the day of election shall then be appointed, which shall be at least one month, and not more than two months, after the declaration of the vacancy.

When the vacancy has been declared, candidates may offer themselves to the Weekly Board ; and such as appear eligible shall have their names inserted in the minutes : but no person shall be admitted a candidate unless he or she shall offer him or herself to the Weekly Board, and be accepted as a candidate, on or before the Board Day but one next preceding the day of election.

RULES FOR AN ELECTION BY BALLOT.

Previous to the day of election, the Secretary shall provide a complete alphabetical list of Governors having a right to vote.

On the day of election, the Chairman shall first order the names of the candidates to be read, together with all

minutes made by the several Weekly Boards respecting the election. The names of the candidates admitted shall then be entered in the minutes of that day, and be ballotted for accordingly.

Balloting papers shall be provided, with the names of the several candidates printed or written upon them, and one or more glasses, with tops covered, shall be provided, to receive the balloting papers.

The Chairman shall appoint two Governors to receive the ballots, and two more to mark off, on the list of Governors, the names of those voting.

The balloting glasses shall be placed in some conspicuous part of the room ; and the Governors appointed to them shall not receive the ticket of the balloting Governor till his name shall be marked off in the list.

When the ballot is closed the glasses shall be placed before the Chairman.

Two papers shall be prepared, with columns, and intrusted to the care of two Governors, who are to mark down under each candidate's name, the votes declared in their favor.

Files shall be provided to receive the balloting papers for each candidate, and one Governor appointed to each file.

The Chairman shall examine the letters and proxies, declare the name of the candidate for whom each vote is intended, and deliver them to be placed on the respective files ; first marking off the names in the alphabetical list of Governors entitled to vote.

If two proxies of the same Governor be produced, or

a double ballot or proxy be delivered, every such ballot or proxy shall be null and void.

The chairman shall then open the balloting glasses, and take out the papers one by one, naming the candidate expressed therein; and deliver them to be put on the proper files.

When all the balloting papers are filed, the numbers for each candidate shall be carefully cast up; and declared; and if there be any difference in the numbers, on casting up the two papers, they shall again be checked off, by the letters and balloting papers on the files, if necessary.

As soon as the numbers are determined, they shall be entered in the minutes, opposite to the names of the respective candidates, and the candidate who has the majority shall be declared by the Chairman, and minuted in the books to be duly elected.

GENERAL LAWS.

No nurse, servant, or any other person belonging to the Hospital, shall presume to take of any patient, servant, stranger, or others, any fee, reward, or gratuity of any kind, for any service done, or to be done, on account of the Hospital, on pain of being immediately discharged.

An inscription in large letters shall be placed up in the ward, to caution the patients against offering, and the nurses and servants against receiving any gratuity whatever from the patients or their friends

No Matron, nurse, or other person belonging to this

Hospital, shall be allowed to maintain her or their children, or other dependents, within, or at the charge of, the Hospital.

If any of the nurses, servants, or other persons in the house, shall convey out of it any provisions, or other things belonging to the Hospital, they shall be immediately discharged; and neither they, nor any other officer or servant who shall be discharged, shall be re-admitted on any account whatever.

Every nurse, and other servant, shall be acquainted, at the time of being hired, that they are to do any business that the necessity of the Charity requires, though not in the particular station for which they are hired.

All the laws, orders, and regulations of the Hospital shall be strictly obeyed and performed; and no new law, regulation, or order, affecting the government of this Charity, or any alteration of those existing, shall be valid, unless the same shall be proposed at a Weekly Board, or at a General Meeting of the Governors; and be by them recommended to a Special or Quarterly General Meeting; and unless the particular law, regulation, order, or alteration, so recommended, shall be stated in the summons sent to the Governors, and shall be adopted at such General Meeting, and confirmed at a subsequent one.

WESTMINSTER

Account of Receipts and

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Annual Subscriptions	345	5	0			
Benefaction of David King, Esq.....	10	10	0			
	<hr/>			355	15	0
'The Pupils' Board, Four Quarters.....				109	4	0
Produce of Stock				912	5	4
Long Annuities, a Year and a Half due October 1817 ..				4	14	6
Produce of the Poor Box.....				1	0	8
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				1382	19	6
Balances remaining 31st December, 1816.....				24	4	5
<p>The Expenditure this Year having so far exceeded the Annual Income, (as per Contra £209 3s. 2½d.) several Benefactions and Subscriptions, which by the Rules of the Institution ought to have been funded, have been obliged to be taken to defray the Expences of the last Quarter, and to leave in the Bankers' hands for the current Quarter, the opposite Balance of £236 7s. 1d.</p>						
Produce of the Exchequer Bills and Interest	1243	13	2			
Residue of Archdeacon Carver's Legacy.....	545	13	8			
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	together			1789	6	10
Deduct Amount of Stock	1695	17	7			
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	leaving			93	9	3
Amount of the Benefactions, &c. taken in aid of the Annual Expenditure				450	9	3
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				£1857	13	2
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LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

Payments for the Year 1817.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Housekeeping Expenditure, and Sundries, paid by the						
Matron, as by her Book of Particulars.....	456	3	9			
Washing, per Ditto.....	109	5	1½			
Midwives, per Ditto.....	141	0	0			
Servants' Wages, per Ditto.....	70	7	0			
Matron's Salary and Arrears, to 31st December 1817 ...	68	5	0			
Ground Rent and Arrears, to Christmas 1817	70	0	0			
Insurance to February 1818	4	10	0			
Bed Furniture.....	18	13	0			
Coals	87	10	0			
Apothecary's Annual Account,	19	4	5			
Butcher.....	177	17	3			
Baker	143	13	10			
Mahogany Desk for Committee-Room.....	3	0	0			
Secretary's Salary and Arrears, to 31st December, 1817.	62	10	0			
Advertisements and Disbursements, per Ditto	10	2	9			
Printing Books for Affidavits, Admissions, &c. &c.....	24	11	0			
Accounts of General Repairs	105	18	8			
Ditto for Plumbers' Work, Gilding Tablets, &c.....	19	10	11			
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Expended as above	1592	2	8½			
As per Contra, Received.....	1382	19	6			
Excess of the Expenditure over the An-						
nual Income	209	3	2½			
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Remaining in the Matron's hands.....	29	3	4½			
Balances at the Bankers, 31st December, 1817.....	236	7	1			
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	£1857	13	2			
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N.B. The number of Patients delivered in the	
Hospital during the above period....	285
At their own Habitations	697
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Total.....	982
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LIST

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SUBSCRIBERS.

Note. Those marked H are Honorary Governors.

A.	Donations.			Annual Subscrip.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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Amherst, Lady, Lower Grosvenor-street				3	3	0
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